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SUBJECT: LOW- PROPOSAL ON PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

FOR MR. ALDRICH

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST, THE PROPOSALS BY
THE RAPPORTEUR BASED ON WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 33 (3)- IT IS FORBIDDEN TO EMPLOY METHODS OR
MEANS OF WARFARE WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO DISTURB THE
STABILITY OF THE ECOSYSTEM TO SUCH A DEGREE AS TO PREJUDICE
THE SURVIVAL OPEN BRACKET HEALTH CLOSE BRACKET OF THE CIVILAIN
POPULATION.

AND/OR ARTICLE 48 BIS (1)- THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
SHALL BE PROTECTED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. CONSEQUENTLY, IT
IS FORBIDDEN TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO
SUCH A DEGREE AS TO DISTURB THE STABILITY OF THE ECOSYSTEM
AND THEREBY TO PREJUDICE THE SURVIVAL OPEN BRACKET HEALTH
CLOSE BRACKET OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

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2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CHANNEL THE INITIATIVES IN

THE COMMITTEE III WORKING GROUP TOWARD A SINGLE STATE-
MENT OF PRINCIPLE IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE IN CONNECTION
WITH PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS ALONG THE LINES THAT IT IS
PROHIBITED TO EMPLOY METHODS AND MEANS OF WARFARE WHICH
MAY BE EXPECTED TO DISTURB THE STABILITY OF THE ECO-
SYSTEM RESULTING IN SUCH A WIDE-SPREAD, LONG-TERM, AN
SEVERE IMPACT SO AS TO PREJUDICE THE SURVIVAL OF THE
CIVILIAN POPULATION. FURTHER, IF THE WORKING GROUP
REPORTS A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE TO COMMITTEE III, WE
WILL SEEK TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE HOLD FINAL ACTION IN
ABEYANCE UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. DALE

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